

Big Special Sales Are On

and as we happen to be in position to offer better inducements to the public than any other store in the county, we feel that we should have our full share of your trade. This fall we expected, and made preparations to put up a store at Penturf Gap between Laffin and Whitewater, but owing to circumstances over which we had no control, we were unable to carry our plans into effect at this time, and as we had already bought our stock of Fall and Winter Merchandise for both stores, we have, practically

Two Stocks of Merchandise in Our Store.

By buying so heavily we got better prices on all of this new stock than any other merchant in this county could possibly get, and we can undersell them and still make as much profit as any of them, but we are going to do even better than this, for we have an enormous task ahead of us to dispose of gigantic stock before it is too late in the season, so we are cutting out profits in order to

Unload This Mammoth Stock

before the season is too far advanced. This is not a "hot air" story and if you will come to our store you will find everything just as we tell you.

A wagon load of Caps for Men, Boys and Children—just in. See them!

Dress Goods

THE RIGHT GOODS ARE HERE FOR COMING FROCKS

Women and Misses who want smart frocks will find the latest designs at our store. Here may be found dry goods for every purpose. Handsome outer garments bring richness and luxuries—new to suit the many patterns that are sure to add much distinction to garments when made up. The chief features at our present large assortment include Wool Dress Goods, Suitings, Flannel Goods, Percales, Gingham and Calicoes, Etc. This is the home of the careful and tasteful buyers of this county and you should pattern after them by saving every cent and getting CHOICE of our line.

Ladies', Misses' and Children's Coats

FOR LADIES', MISSES' AND CHILDREN

There are no days coming—and the most of a new coat may save the biggest and biggest anxiety later of medical attention to your family. In all the standard, warm materials, and in new ones—in pretty yet sensible patterns for all—are here in great variety at the most reasonable prices obtainable anywhere in the county.

TAKE A LOOK AT THIS DEPARTMENT BEFORE YOU BUY—YOU WILL BE SURPRISED AT THE MANY BARGAINS.

Shoes Shoes

The best way to piece out a small income and make it go twice as far, is to come to this store for your shoes. The shoes are not pieces, but the prices are just small pieces of their real value.

Rubber Goods

We have the biggest stock of "Hall & Goodrich" and "E. P. Smith" brands of Rubber Boots, Shoes, Overshoes, Aprons, Rubbers Etc., ever brought to this county, and we want to sell them at bed-rock prices. WE OVERBOUGHT AND MUST SACRIFICE TO UNLOAD. TRY US.

Big Drive on Ladies' Suits and Skirts—Suits from \$6 up. Call and see them

Gloves! Gloves! We have just received a pair for every person in the county

Clothing Clothing

A well-dressed man gets along better in the world than the fellow who is poorly clothed for he is a power to induce many to do as he wears. If you would be well-dressed and at prices you can afford to pay, come in and inspect our mammoth stock of clothing. Besides our enormous regular stock of clothing, we have a few good extra sizes, sizes 42 to 48, that we are going to close out. HOSIERY—KIDNEY COT—Also, a big lot of Men and Boys' Pants at Heavy Reductions.

Stock Foods

Now is the time to take good care of your stock by feeding them Rock salt and Salvet. Let us supply you.

Hats and Caps

FOR MEN AND BOYS

Our Hats and Caps set a pace in styles that our competitors can't seem to keep up with. In them the hard-to-please and the easy-to-please, alike, see the realization of every whim and fancy of their particular tastes. They are in styles that are "chock full of pep" as well as those that are quiet looking and dignified. Therefore, the young fellow and the youthfully-spirited older will surely find among them a shape in a shade and size to fit his head, physique and personality, at a price to fit his purse. CALL AND INVESTIGATE. See our special line of Gents' Furnishings, such as Arrow Brand Shirts, Collars Etc.

Groceries

Prices are soaring high, but we have the biggest stock in the county from which to select—fresh and at prices as reasonable as you will find anywhere. Try us.

Queensware

A table may be heavy laden with good things to eat, but if the food is not in attractive dishes half of the appetizing effects are lost. Don't spoil your reputation as a culinary artist by lack of a few nice pieces of Queensware for your table when you can get them for almost nothing at our store.

Owing to lack of space, we can not enumerate the thousands of articles in our store that are going to be offered at Bargain Prices during this Sale, but the fact that we have an extra stock of merchandise to dispose of will give you some idea of the gigantic proportions of this event. Bring us your produce and we will pay you the highest market price for it in Cash or Trade. You know we will trade, so come in.

Yours for business.

Taylor Mercantile Co., Marble Hill, Mo.

Call for Mr. Hoover!
O. J. Hoover.

My Tuesdays are meatless.
My Wednesdays are wheatless.
I am getting more eat-less each day.
My home it is heatless.
My bed it is sheetless.
They're all sent to the Y. M. C. A.
The barrooms are treatless.
My coffee is sweetless.
Each day I get poorer and wiser.
My stockings are feetless.
My trousers are seatless.
My God, but I do hate the Kaiser!
W. M. C.

Lutesville News

Ben Schulte was in town Tuesday.
A. L. Stone was in town Tuesday.
George Holzum was in town Tuesday trading.
Chas. Miller left Monday for Fredericktown.
Cassius Lutes returned from St. Louis Tuesday.
Wm. Buhtel brought his turkeys in to market Monday.
E. E. Barks brought a few turkeys in to market Tuesday.
Marvin Jackson was in town Tuesday, trading with our merchants.

W. H. Nanney was in town Monday with some turkeys and chickens.
H. F. Miller was in town Tuesday with his Christmas turkeys, putting them on the market.
W. B. Habs brought in a fine bunch of turkeys and geese Monday and sold them to Goodwin & Jean.
Mrs. J. L. Robertson went to Allenville Saturday to visit her son, Leroy, returning Monday.
E. F. Caldwell, Baker & McWilliams, Dr. J. J. Chandler and O. Lutes have put up ice for next summer's use.
Ernest Croft came home from Oklahoma one day the last of last week and has been helping in the depot here.

The Christmas turkeys are now being rushed to the market, it seems, for Goodwin & Jean shipped forty-two coops of poultry Tuesday.
Miss Azalea Caldwell came down from Glen Allen Saturday, where she is teaching, to visit her parents until the following day.
Floyd Robertson kept company with a bad cold all last week and had to stay in the house by a fire to keep it from turning from pneumonia.

Lyman Mouser, the Home Bakery helper, left Sunday evening for Chaffee to take the place of one of the helpers in H. Arthur's bakery at that place.

Miss Lucy McCullough came up from Advance, where she is teaching, to visit her parents and help make ready to move, returning to her school Sunday.
L. L. Bridges of Scopus sent in two wagon loads of poultry, mostly turkeys, which brought him almost \$400. Asa Estes brought in both loads Monday.

Ralph Burford arrived in town Saturday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burford, until Christmas. This is his first visit home since his parents moved here.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Cavanaugh had as guests last week, Mrs. Smith of Osceola, Ark. and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. King and family, of Lutesville.—Blodgett item in Sikeston Herald.

Mr. and Mrs. Doc Bennett of Hornersville came up the middle of last week to look after some business, as they have rented a room here for a grocery store and it is now ready for the goods.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Francis came up from Whitewater, where they had been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Sylvester Schafer, to visit their children here and at Dongola until after Christmas.

Herbert Eaker, son of Sherman Eaker, who was employed on the new clay works, fell off the roof about twenty feet high Monday while at work and bruised himself up considerably.

Mr. Leoffler, president of the school board at Lutesville, visited school Wednesday morning, speaking to the high school and 7th, 8th, 5th and 6th grades. We certainly appreciate Mr. Leoffler's interest in us and hope he will come again soon.—School note in Advance New-Era.

From the head authorities comes the words that the Samson Plaster Board company are to build another building the same size as the one they are working on now alongside the other building. The building they are working on now is the dryer and the other one is to be the washer.

Cassius Lutes left for St. Louis Wednesday of last week to join the

Auction Sale

—OF—

Buggies, Hacks, Farm Wagons, Surrey, Harness, 5 head of Horses, 2 Jacks, an 8-year-old Percheron Stallion, weighs 1600 pounds Etc.

—AT—

Marble Hill Saturday December 29, 1917

If you are in the market for anything mentioned above, it will pay you to come in to this Sale. If you have anything to sell, bring it in.

AUCTION SALE COMPANY, By J. A. Taylor and J. P. Lambaugh Alfred Gott, Auctioneer.

aviation corps. Word was received from him the first of the week that they had taken him down to Jefferson Barracks, but they were full at the present time, so he was held over until they would make another trip to the barracks.

Obituary

W. S. Smith was born near Daisy, Cape Girardeau county, Mo., December 7, 1871, died at the St. Francis hospital in Cape Girardeau December 6, 1917.

He was seriously injured near his home in Sedgewickville November 8, while working on an engine. Brother Smith was a well known and highly respected citizen and leaves a wife, two children, father, mother, three brothers and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

He united with the Christian church May 17, 1903. He was of a loving spirit and possessed many noble characteristics. He believed in God and his faith was unshaken. He was married to Miss Mary M. Dalton March 28, 1893, and was a devoted husband.

The funeral services were conducted by the writer at the Methodist church in Sedgewickville and the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at that place. While we mourn, we are reminded of the following lines:

"Life is real, life is earnest;
And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken to the soul."

REV. C. R. BAKER.

Government Will Pay Allowances to Dependents of Soldiers

Beginning November 1, 1917, the government will pay to the dependents of enlisted soldiers and sailors the following monthly allowances:

1. To a wife but no child, \$15.00.
2. To a wife and one child, \$25.
3. To a wife and two children, \$32.50 with \$5 per month for each additional child.
4. If there be no wife, but one child, \$5.
5. If there be no wife, but two children, \$12.50.
6. If there be no wife, but three children, \$20.
7. If there be no wife, but four children, \$30, with \$5 per month for each additional child.
8. To one parent, \$10.
9. To parents, if there be two, \$20.
10. To each brother or sister \$5.

In addition to the above allowances the government will allot one-half of the soldier's or sailor's monthly pay to the wife and children, which will be \$15 per month. This allowance of the soldier's and sailor's pay is compulsory as to the wife and children, voluntary as to other persons.

Thus a wife without children will draw \$30 per month; a wife and one child will draw \$40 per month; a wife and two children will draw \$47.50 per month.

If only one parent, he or she will draw \$10 per month; if there are two parents, they will draw \$20 per month.

The above allowances will be made upon application therefor either by the soldier or sailor, or by his wife,

child or parent, as the case may be who is the beneficiary.

With the above allotments and allowances provided by the government, no wife, children or parents of soldiers or sailors need suffer.—Ex.

Rat-Foot Bologna

In this day of substitutes for the real thing—that is, in trying to "get by," and being encouraging in so doing, even to infraction of the law—we buy some queer things at fancy prices, but who would think of including rat feet in the filling for bologna? Of course rats are cheaper than beef or pork, and when we come to think that conservationists are making a drive on rats, too, it is not so surprising after all.

Two men hauling coal from a neighboring town the other day bought a lunch of bologna and crackers, which they began to eat as they got on their way. One ground between his teeth what he pleasantly surmised might be a mixture of lobster claws, but, on close inspection, and having killed lots of rats around the barn-lots, he found to be rat-feet. Calling his companion to him he showed him the kind of new meat that was being substituted, and the companion said it was too cheap for him, even in these times, and he "threw up" what he had eaten, giving back to Mother Earth at least two rat feet, an inventory showed, and declaring that the stingy old packing-house people could have them if they wanted them, but, as for his part, he would abstain from eating meat until he could eat it without tasting rat feet and as for bologna—well, they had as well quit making it.

It seems that Upton Sinclair could write another story like "The Jungle" that would not be far-fetched, or that Lutgen, of Chicago, could boil two or three wives in a mother, three brothers and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

We believe we remarked, some time ago, about chewing gum being adulterated, so that it could be made cheaper. But how about bologna loving spirit and possessed many noble characteristics. He believed in God and his faith was unshaken. He was married to Miss Mary M. Dalton March 28, 1893, and was a devoted husband.

"If you want a comfort in the house, get one of these instantaneous heaters. It keeps the whole family in hot water all the time."

"Don't need it. My wife attends to that."—Baltimore American.

Administrator's Notice

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of Orlando Morris, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned by the probate court of Bollinger county, Missouri, bearing date the 19th day of November, 1917.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to Labon C. Morris for allowance within six months from the date of said letters or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if said claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the granting of letters on said estate they shall be forever barred.

LABON C. MORRIS, Administrator.

STATE OF MISSOURI, County of Bollinger, ss. I hereby certify that Labon C. Morris was granted letters of administration upon the estate of Orlando Morris, deceased, on the date above written.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto [SEAL] set my hand and affixed the seal of said court, this 19th day of November, 1917.

W. C. COLE, Judge of Probate.

Executors' Notice

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary upon the estate of Robert Vangennip, Sr., deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, by the Probate court of Bollinger county, Missouri, bearing date the 7th day of December, 1917.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to them for allowance within six months from the date of said letters or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if said claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the granting of letters on said estate they shall be forever barred.

ROBERT VANGENNIP, JR., ALFRED VANGENNIP, Executors.

STATE OF MISSOURI, County of Bollinger, ss. I hereby certify that Robert Vangennip, Jr., and Alfred Vangennip were granted letters testamentary upon the estate of Robert Vangennip, Sr., deceased, on the date above written.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto [SEAL] set my hand and affixed the seal of said court, this 7th day of December, 1917.

W. C. COLE, Judge of Probate.

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